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Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
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VIA EMAIL: fogartydj@state.gov

Dear Secretary Clinton,

I am writing in support of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline and urge you to issue a presidential permit to allow the TransCanada Corporation to construct the project. In addition to providing a secure, reliable source of crude oil, the Keystone XL pipeline will have a positive impact on the economies of South Dakota and the nation.

TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline will traverse South Dakota for 313 miles, transporting up to 500,000 barrels of oil per day. In addition to the project's \$921 million capital investment in our state, Keystone XL will provide jobs for more than 100 South Dakotans and dramatically reduce our dependence on oil from the Middle East.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Public Utilities Commission have worked closely with the developers to ensure that our state has the necessary laws and regulations to address any environmental concerns. I am confident TransCanada has systems in place to prevent potential pipeline emergencies and possesses the financial and logistical resources to respond to them appropriately.

I support the Keystone XL pipeline because it will benefit our economy and help improve our national security. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis Daugaard

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